

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method comprising the step of:

operating a publicly-traded limited liability company having public investors, said

5 publicly-traded limited liability company owning a majority portion of a real estate investment trust, said real estate investment trust being owned by said publicly-traded limited liability company and minority investors, said real estate investment trust not being subject to federal income tax on its distributed income.

THIS IS A
101 PROBLEM.
NOT USEFUL
CONCRETE
OR TANGIBLE

10 2. A method according to claim 1, wherein said operating comprises at least one of the following steps: distributing dividends received from said real estate investment trust to the public investors, retaining dividends received from said real estate investment trust, and
15 reinvesting dividends received from said real estate investment trust as growth capital for said real estate investment trust.

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CLAIM 1
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3. A method according to claim 1, wherein said publicly-traded limited liability company
has interests segmented into income interests and growth interests.

BUT...

4. A method according to claim 1, wherein said publicly-traded limited liability company
20 receives income from said real estate investment trust, said income comprising dividends received from said real estate investment trust.

BUT THIS IS CHANGING. LAW IS BEING DEVELOPED
THAT MAY REQUIRE "TECHNOLOGY" TO BE CLAIMED.
DISCLOSED TECHNOLOGY THAT IS NOT CLAIMED MAY NOT
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